

# Revised proposal to encode Hanifi Rohingya in Unicode

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## 1 Introduction

This is a proposal to encode the Hanifi Rohingya script in Unicode. It supersedes the following documents:

- L2/12-214 “Preliminary Proposal to Encode the Rohingya Script”
- L2/12-278R “Proposal to encode the Hanifi Rohingya script in Unicode”

In addition to various editorial changes, the major changes from previous versions include:

- Enhancements of various glyph shapes.
- Revision of the representative form for the letter MA.
- Re-analysis of the variant forms of DA and LA as glyphic variants.
- Addition of mechanism for breaking shaping of final forms.
- Expanded description of the usage of *tatweel*.

This revision also incorporates comments on L2/15-278R made in “Recommendations to UTC #146 January 2016 on Script Proposals” (L2/16-037).

## 2 Background

Hanifi Rohingya (روڤينڱيا *ruwainggya*, رهاينڱيا *ruhainggya*) is used for writing Rohingya (ISO 639-3: rhg), an Indo-Aryan language spoken by one million people in Myanmar (Rakhine State) and by 200,000 people in Bangladesh (Cox’s Bazaar District). The language is also spoken in several other countries as a result of the dispersion of the Rohingya community on account of persecution in Myanmar. Four scripts are used for writing Rohingya: Burmese, Arabic, Latin, and the present one.

The script was developed by a committee led by Maulana Mohammed Hanif in the 1980s. A chart containing the finalized script is shown in figure 1. The script is modeled upon Arabic and shows the influence of other systems. However, it is a modern construction and has no direct genetic affiliation to other scripts.

There is limited information available on the Hanifi Rohingya script in English. Most of the materials on the script are written in the Rohingya language. The Rohingya Language Committee and the Rohingya Education Board Myanmar have published multilingual primers of the script (see figures 4–17). The script is used for the publication of books and newspapers, which are hand-written and printed. Typefaces have been developed by Muhammad Noor.

### 3 Script Details

#### 3.1 Structure

Hanifi Rohingya is an alphabetic script modeled upon Arabic. It is written from right to left. Consonant letters possess an inherent vowel /ɔ/. The inherent vowel is changed by placing a vowel mark after the consonant. A bare consonant is produced by placing a vowel-silencing mark after a letter, which suppressed the inherent vowel. Three types of tone are indicated using signs that are placed above a letter or vowel mark. Nasalization is indicated using a mark that is placed after a letter or vowel mark. Consonant gemination is indicated using a combining sign placed above a letter.

The script is structurally conjoining. Letters join to adjacent letters at the baseline. Letters have different forms when they occur in initial, medial, and final positions in a word. In several hand-written and printed sources, the baseline between letters and marks may not completely connect. This is unintentional and results from casual hand writing or glyph design in a font. In texts printed using digitized fonts, the connections between letters are more consistently maintained.

Spacing is used for separating words. Latin and Arabic punctuation signs are commonly used for delimiting text segments, eg. periods, commas, colons, hyphens. The available sources do not show any specific linebreaking features, such as hyphens. A *tatweel*-like elongation mark is often used for justification.

#### 3.2 Script name

The name ‘Hanifi Rohingya’ is assigned to the Unicode script block. This name is preferred because it precisely identifies the script. As the Rohingya language is written in various scripts, referring to the script block as simply ‘Rohingya’ would present ambiguity.

#### 3.3 Character names

Names for characters are based upon Latin transliterations of Rohingya forms given in various script primers (see tables 1 and 2 for comparisons). The character names are normalized in accordance with naming conventions for South Asian scripts in Unicode. This approach aligns with the Latin names given for the majority of letters across the available publications. In cases where there are multiple names for a character, an appropriate name has been chosen based upon consultation with the user community. Names for tonal signs and other marks are based upon Indigenous names.

#### 3.4 Representative glyphs

The representative glyphs are derived from the “Rohingya Gonya Leyka Noories” typeface developed by Muhammad Noor. The glyphs are used with permission. Original glyphs have been modified and additional glyphs have been introduced by the proposal author.

## 4 Character repertoire

Fifty characters are proposed for encoding in the ‘Hanifi Rohingya’ block.

### 4.1 Letters

There are 28 letters, as shown below with positional forms:

|   | Character name             | Value | Join | Final | Medial | Initial |
|---|----------------------------|-------|------|-------|--------|---------|
| ᲀ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A   | /a/   | left | —     | —      | ᲀ       |
| ᲁ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER BA  | /b/   | dual | ᲁ     | ᲁ      | ᲁ       |
| ᲂ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER PA  | /p/   | dual | ᲂ     | ᲂ      | ᲂ       |
| ᲃ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TA  | /t/   | dual | ᲃ     | ᲃ      | ᲃ       |
| ᲄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TTA | /t̪/  | dual | ᲄ     | ᲄ      | ᲄ       |
| ᲅ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER JA  | /j/   | dual | ᲅ     | ᲅ      | ᲅ       |
| ᲆ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER CA  | /c/   | dual | ᲆ     | ᲆ      | ᲆ       |
| ᲇ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER HA  | /h/   | dual | ᲇ     | ᲇ      | ᲇ       |
| ᲈ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KHA | /x/   | dual | ᲈ     | ᲈ      | ᲈ       |
| Ᲊ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER FA  | /f/   | dual | Ᲊ     | Ᲊ      | Ᲊ       |
| ᲊ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DA  | /d/   | dual | ᲊ     | ᲊ      | ᲊ       |
| ᲋ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DDA | /d̪/  | dual | ᲋     | ᲋      | ᲋       |
| ᲌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RA  | /r/   | dual | ᲌     | ᲌      | ᲌       |
| ᲍ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RRA | /r̪/  | dual | ᲍     | ᲍      | ᲍       |
| ᲎ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER ZA  | /z/   | dual | ᲎     | ᲎      | ᲎       |
| ᲏ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SA  | /s/   | dual | ᲏     | ᲏      | ᲏       |
| Ა | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SHA | /ʃ/   | dual | Ა     | Ა      | Ა       |
| Ბ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KA  | /k/   | dual | Ბ     | Ბ      | Ბ       |
| Გ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER GA  | /g/   | dual | Გ     | Გ      | Გ       |
| Დ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER LA  | /l/   | dual | Დ     | Დ      | Დ       |
| Ე | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER MA  | /m/   | dual | Ე     | Ე      | Ე       |
| Ვ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA  | /n/   | dual | Ვ     | Ვ      | Ვ       |

|   |                                 |     |      |   |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------|-----|------|---|---|---|
| 𐄇 | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER WA       | /v/ | dual | 𐄇 | 𐄇 | 𐄇 |
| 𐄈 | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KINNA WA | /u/ | dual | 𐄈 | 𐄈 | 𐄈 |
| 𐄉 | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER YA       | /j/ | dual | 𐄉 | 𐄉 | 𐄉 |
| 𐄊 | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KINNA YA | /i/ | dual | 𐄊 | 𐄊 | 𐄊 |
| 𐄋 | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NGA      | /ŋ/ | dual | 𐄋 | 𐄋 | 𐄋 |
| 𐄌 | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NYA      | /ɲ/ | dual | 𐄌 | 𐄌 | 𐄌 |

Only the isolated form of a letter is encoded. The positional forms will exist as glyphs in a font and will be substituted at the shaping level.

Although not part of the original script, a letter 𐄍 was used by some individuals for representing /v/. It was not formally approved as part of the script. The letter 𐄇 WA is now used in its place. Nonetheless, it may be necessary to encode 𐄍 (\*HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER VA) in order to support documents that contain it.

## 4.2 Vowel marks

There are 5 vowel marks:

|   | Character name               | Value | Join | Final | Medial | Initial |
|---|------------------------------|-------|------|-------|--------|---------|
| 𐄎 | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A | /a/   | dual | 𐄎     | 𐄎      | 𐄎       |
| 𐄏 | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK I | /i/   | dual | 𐄏     | 𐄏      | 𐄏       |
| 𐄐 | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK U | /u/   | dual | 𐄐     | 𐄐      | 𐄐       |
| 𐄑 | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK E | /e/   | dual | 𐄑     | 𐄑      | 𐄑       |
| 𐄒 | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O | /o/   | dual | 𐄒     | 𐄒      | 𐄒       |

## 4.3 Vowel silencer

The following character is used for indicating a bare consonant:

|   | Character name             | Value | Join  | Final | Medial | Initial |
|---|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 𐄓 | HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SAKIN | —     | right | 𐄓     | —      | —       |

#### 4.4 Nasalization mark

There is one character for marking nasalization:

|    | Character name                 | Value | Join | Final | Medial | Initial |
|----|--------------------------------|-------|------|-------|--------|---------|
| ◌̃ | HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA | /n/   | dual | ◌̃    | ◌̃     | —       |

#### 4.5 Tonal signs

Three combining signs are used for representing tones:

|    | Character                     | tone type         |
|----|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| ◌̥ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN HARBAHAY | short high tone   |
| ◌̦ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TAHALA   | long falling tone |
| ◌̧ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TANA     | long rising tone  |

#### 4.6 Gemination sign

The following combining sign is used for indicating consonant gemination:

|    | Character                  |
|----|----------------------------|
| ◌̇ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TASSI |

#### 4.7 Digits

There is a full set of decimal digits:

|   | Character                   | Value |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|
| 0 | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ZERO  | 0     |
| 1 | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ONE   | 1     |
| 2 | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT TWO   | 2     |
| 3 | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT THREE | 3     |
| 4 | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FOUR  | 4     |
| 5 | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FIVE  | 5     |
| 6 | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SIX   | 6     |

|   |                             |   |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| ꨈ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SEVEN | 7 |
| ꨉ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT EIGHT | 8 |
| ꨊ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT NINE  | 9 |

## 5 Encoding Model

### 5.1 Shaping model

The shaping model for Rohingya follows that for Arabic. The character for each letter is placed sequentially in the encoded input. The appropriate positional form for each letter is to be substituted at the shaping layer. In the examples below the ‘input’ shows the sequential order of characters in the input stream.

| Input<br>→                                          | Shaped glyphs<br>← | Output<br>← |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| ꨂ <sub>BA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>BA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>BA</sub> | ꨂ + ꨂ + ꨂ          | ꨂꨂꨂ         |
| ꨂ <sub>KA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>TA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>BA</sub> | ꨂ + ꨂ + ꨂ          | ꨂꨂꨂ         |
| ꨂ <sub>HA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>RA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>FA</sub> | ꨂ + ꨂ + ꨂ          | ꨂꨂꨂ         |

In general, positional forms of letters are identical to their isolated shape. The difference is typographic: positional glyphs have edges at the baseline for facilitating connections. The letter ꨂ<sub>MA</sub> differs from other letters because its isolated form is distinct from its initial form:

| Input<br>→                                          | Shaped glyphs<br>← | Output<br>← |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| ꨂ <sub>MA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>MA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>MA</sub> | ꨂ + ꨂ + ꨂ          | ꨂꨂꨂ         |
| ꨂ <sub>SA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>LA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>MA</sub> | ꨂ + ꨂ + ꨂ          | ꨂꨂꨂ         |

In the event that the final form of ꨂ<sub>MA</sub> is to be rendered similar to the initial shape, it is necessary to break regular shaping behavior. In such a case, the general character ZW<sub>NJ</sub> U+200C ZERO WIDTH NON-JOINER can be placed after the letter to produce the desired output:

| Input<br>→                                                                                                          | Shaped glyphs<br>← | Output<br>← |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| ꨂ <sub>MA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>MA</sub>                                                                                   | ꨂ + ꨂ              | ꨂꨂ          |
| ꨂ <sub>MA</sub> , ꨂ <sub>MA</sub> , <span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 0 2px;">ZW</span> <sub>NJ</sub> | ꨂ + ꨂ              | ꨂꨂ          |

## 5.2 Stylistic variants

The following letters have variant forms:

LA The ل is a stylized version of ل<sub>LA</sub> in which the terminal is curled. It is a glyphic variant.

DA The د is used in early materials for isolated and word-final forms of د DA. It inherently represents a bare consonant and cannot be followed by SAKIN. It is used in script charts (see figures 1, 4, 6) and in running text. However, as described in figure 2, د was replaced by د <د DA, د SAKIN>, as seen in the charts in figures 5, 7, 8. This د may be considered a glyphic variant of the ligature د and may be represented by substituting the sequence <د DA, د SAKIN> with a dedicated glyph in a font.

DDA The د is an older form of د DDA (see explanation in figures 2).

## 5.3 Representation of bare consonants

The د MARK SAKIN is used for indicating a bare consonant. It joins only to the preceding letter and occurs only in final position. In function it is similar to ° U+0652 ARABIC SUKUN. The mark is placed after a letter in the encoded sequence:

|   |   |                 |
|---|---|-----------------|
| b | د | <د BA, د SAKIN> |
| p | د | <د PA, د SAKIN> |
| t | د | <د TA, د SAKIN> |
| m | د | <د MA, د SAKIN> |

The letter د MA is an isolated form and inherently represents a the bare consonant /m/. However, in some instances users may prefer to depict the letter with SAKIN, as shown above.

The SAKIN indicates an isolated letter as well as a bare consonant in word-final position. Its usage is optional. There are no formal conventions regarding its use. It occurs most frequently in script charts. But, even in such cases the usage of SAKIN is inconsistent. For example, the script chart in figure 7 shows SAKIN written with every letter (except for MA), including the vowel carrier د ROHINGYA LETTER A. On the other hand, figures 4, 5, 6 show SAKIN with only certain letters, which are enumerated below:

|   |   |     |   |   |     |   |   |          |
|---|---|-----|---|---|-----|---|---|----------|
| د | د | BA  | د | د | KHA | د | د | GA       |
| د | د | PA  | د | د | FA  | د | د | LA       |
| د | د | TA  | د | د | DA  | د | د | WA       |
| د | د | TTA | د | د | SA  | د | د | KINNA WA |
| د | د | HA  | د | د | SHA | د | د | KINNA YA |

The chart showing the finalized script as approved by the committee led by Maulana Mohammad Hanif in 1980 does not show the mark SAKIN with any letter (see figure 1), except possibly with د KINNA YA (د).

## 5.4 Representation of vowels

The letter  $\text{A}$  is both an independent vowel letter and a vowel carrier. When followed by a vowel mark it represents the independent or word-initial form of that vowel. When it occurs in isolation or without a following vowel mark it has the value /ɔ/.

|          |                       |                                         |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <i>a</i> | $\text{A}$            | < $\text{A}$ >                          |
| <i>ā</i> | $\text{A}$ $\text{A}$ | < $\text{A}$ , $\text{A}$ VOWEL MARK A> |
| <i>i</i> | $\text{A}$ $\text{I}$ | < $\text{A}$ , $\text{I}$ VOWEL MARK I> |
| <i>u</i> | $\text{A}$ $\text{U}$ | < $\text{A}$ , $\text{U}$ VOWEL MARK U> |
| <i>e</i> | $\text{A}$ $\text{E}$ | < $\text{A}$ , $\text{E}$ VOWEL MARK E> |
| <i>o</i> | $\text{A}$ $\text{O}$ | < $\text{A}$ , $\text{O}$ VOWEL MARK O> |

A consonant-vowel syllable is represented in the same manner:

|           |                                  |                                                    |
|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <i>ba</i> | $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$            | < $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ >                          |
| <i>bā</i> | $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ $\text{A}$ | < $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ , $\text{A}$ VOWEL MARK A> |
| <i>bi</i> | $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ $\text{I}$ | < $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ , $\text{I}$ VOWEL MARK I> |
| <i>bu</i> | $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ $\text{U}$ | < $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ , $\text{U}$ VOWEL MARK U> |
| <i>be</i> | $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ $\text{E}$ | < $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ , $\text{E}$ VOWEL MARK E> |
| <i>bo</i> | $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ $\text{O}$ | < $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ , $\text{O}$ VOWEL MARK O> |

A vowel mark cannot be followed by another vowel mark. A sequence of vowel sounds is represented in two ways: 1) by using the vowel-carrier letter  $\text{A}$ , and 2) as diphthongs (see section 5.5). The first method is shown below:

|            |                                             |                                                                                          |
|------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>bāe</i> | $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ $\text{A}$ $\text{E}$ | < $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ , $\text{A}$ VOWEL MARK A, $\text{A}$ , $\text{E}$ VOWEL MARK E> |
| <i>bāo</i> | $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ $\text{A}$ $\text{O}$ | < $\text{B}$ $\text{A}$ , $\text{A}$ VOWEL MARK A, $\text{A}$ , $\text{O}$ VOWEL MARK O> |

Moreover, vowel marks are not used independently. Script charts show vowel marks in isolation. Such depictions are intended for illustrating the mark and do not indicate valid usage.

Vowel length is indicated using tonal signs (see section 5.7).

## 5.5 Representation of diphthongs

The letters  $\text{Y}$  KINNA YA and  $\text{W}$  KINNA WA are used for writing diphthongs. The KINNA YA ‘small *ya*’ represents a semi-vowel glide (/j/, /i/) and KINNA WA ‘small *wa*’ represents the glide (/w/, /u/).



|            |      |                                    |
|------------|------|------------------------------------|
| <i>bai</i> | بَ   | <J BA, ٲ KINNA YA>                 |
| <i>bāi</i> | بَٲ  | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK A, ٲ KINNA YA> |
| <i>bui</i> | بُ   | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK U, ٲ KINNA YA> |
| <i>boi</i> | بُٲ  | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK O, ٲ KINNA YA> |
| <i>bou</i> | بُٲٲ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK O, ٲ KINNA WA> |

## 5.6 Representation of nasalization

The J HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA is used for indicating vowel nasalization. It should occur only after a letter or vowel mark:

|              |      |                                     |
|--------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>baṁ</i>   | بَٲ  | <J BA, ٲ NA KHANNA>                 |
| <i>bāṁ</i>   | بَٲٲ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK A, ٲ NA KHANNA> |
| <i>baṁba</i> | بَٲٲ | <J BA, ٲ NA KHANNA, J BA>           |

## 5.7 Representation of tones

A tonal sign is placed after a vowel mark in the input stream. Usage of the ٲ SIGN HARBAHAY for indicating a short high tone is as follows:

|           |      |                                         |
|-----------|------|-----------------------------------------|
| <i>bá</i> | بَٲٲ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK A, ٲ SIGN HARBAHAY> |
| <i>bí</i> | بَٲٲ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK I, ٲ SIGN HARBAHAY> |
| <i>bú</i> | بُٲٲ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK U, ٲ SIGN HARBAHAY> |
| <i>bé</i> | بَٲٲ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK E, ٲ SIGN HARBAHAY> |
| <i>bó</i> | بُٲٲ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK O, ٲ SIGN HARBAHAY> |

The ٲ SIGN TAHALA, a long falling tone, is expressed as follows:

|           |    |                                       |
|-----------|----|---------------------------------------|
| <i>bà</i> | بَ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK A, ٲ SIGN TAHALA> |
| <i>bì</i> | بِ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK I, ٲ SIGN TAHALA> |
| <i>bù</i> | بُ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK U, ٲ SIGN TAHALA> |
| <i>bè</i> | بِ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK E, ٲ SIGN TAHALA> |
| <i>bò</i> | بُ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK O, ٲ SIGN TAHALA> |

Usage of the ٲ SIGN TANA for indicating a long rising tone is as follows:

|           |    |                                     |
|-----------|----|-------------------------------------|
| <i>bá</i> | بَ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK A, ٲ SIGN TANA> |
| <i>bí</i> | بِ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK I, ٲ SIGN TANA> |
| <i>bú</i> | بُ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK U, ٲ SIGN TANA> |
| <i>bé</i> | بِ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK E, ٲ SIGN TANA> |
| <i>bó</i> | بُ | <J BA, ٲ VOWEL MARK O, ٲ SIGN TANA> |

As is evident in the available sources, the placement of tonal signs is not uniform. In some instances the sign HARBAHAY is placed above the base letter or between it and the following letter. The signs TAHALA and TANA may be positioned above the letter preceding the vowel mark, above the vowel mark, or between the letter and vowel mark. These may be considered stylistic choices.

## 5.8 Representation of consonant gemination

The ٲ HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TASSI is used for indicating consonant gemination. In function it is similar to ٲ U+0651 ARABIC SHADDA. The sign is placed after the respective letter in the encoded sequence, but rendered above the letter in the output:

|              |    |                       |
|--------------|----|-----------------------|
| <i>baba</i>  | بب | <J BA, J BA>          |
| <i>babba</i> | بب | <J BA, J BA, ٲ TASSI> |

If there is a vowel mark after the doubled letter, then the TASSI is placed before the vowel mark in the encoded sequence:

|              |     |                                        |
|--------------|-----|----------------------------------------|
| <i>babbā</i> | ببَ | <J BA, J BA, ٲ TASSI, ٲ VOWEL MARK A > |
|--------------|-----|----------------------------------------|

## 5.9 Digits

As in Arabic, the Hanifi Rohingya digits are written from left to right.

01950 <0 ZERO, 1 ONE, 2 TWO, 3 THREE, 4 FOUR>  
 56789 <5 FIVE 6 SIX, 7 SEVEN, 8 EIGHT, 9 NINE>

The Arabic style ٠ is attested as a glyphic variant for 0 ZERO.

## 5.10 Punctuation

There is no script-specific punctuation. The U+002E FULL STOP is commonly used, as are Arabic signs, such as the , U+060C ARABIC COMMA, ; U+061F ARABIC SEMICOLON, ؟ U+061F ARABIC QUESTION MARK, and . U+06D4 ARABIC FULL STOP. These characters should be extended for use with Hanifi Rohingya.

## 5.11 Elongation

Elongation of the baseline connection between letters is commonly used in Hanifi Rohingya for justification and other spacing-filling purposes. This elongation is similar to the *tatweel* in Arabic. This feature can be implementing in Rohingya by using the . U+0640 ARABIC TATWEEL. The ARABIC TATWEEL can be placed repetitively after any letter or mark in any position within a word. The elongation should not break across the end of a line.

ﺞ <ﺞ BA, ﺞ BA>  
 ﺞﺞ <ﺞ BA, - ARABIC TATWEEL, ﺞ BA>  
 ﺞﺞﺞ <ﺞ BA, - ARABIC TATWEEL, - ARABIC TATWEEL, ﺞ BA>  
 ﺞﺞﺞﺞ <ﺞ BA, - ARABIC TATWEEL, ﺞ BA, - ARABIC TATWEEL>

## 5.12 Collation

The sort order for Hanifi Rohingya is as follows:

ﺞ A < ﺞ VOWEL MARK A < ﺞ VOWEL MARK I < ﺞ VOWEL MARK U <  
 ﺞ VOWEL MARK E < ﺞ VOWEL MARK O < ﺞ BA < ﺞ PA < ﺞ TA < ﺞ TTA < ﺞ JA <  
 ﺞ CA < ﺞ HA < ﺞ KHA < ﺞ FA < ﺞ DA < ﺞ DDA < ﺞ RA < ﺞ RRA <  
 ﺞ ZA < ﺞ SHA < ﺞ SA < ﺞ KA < ﺞ GA < ﺞ LA < ﺞ MA < ﺞ NA KHANNA <  
 ﺞ NA < ﺞ WA < ﺞ KINNA WA < ﺞ YA < ﺞ KINNA YA < ﺞ NGA < ﺞ NYA < ﺞ SAKIN

## 6 Character data

### 6.1 Unicode Character Data

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10D00;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D01;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER BA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D02;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER PA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D03;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D04;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TTA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D05;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER JA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D06;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER CA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D07;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER HA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D08;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KHA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D09;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER FA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0A;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0B;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DDA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0C;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0D;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RRA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0E;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER ZA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D0F;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D10;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SHA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D11;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D12;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER GA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D13;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER LA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D14;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER MA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D15;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D16;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER WA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D17;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KINNA WA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D18;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER YA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D19;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KINNA YA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1A;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NGA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1B;HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NYA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1C;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1D;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK I;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1E;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK U;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D1F;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK E;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D20;HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D21;HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SAKIN;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D22;HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA;Lo;0;AL;;;;N;;;;;
10D23;HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN HARBAHAY;Mn;230;NSM;;;;N;;;;;
10D24;HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TAHALA;Mn;230;NSM;;;;N;;;;;
10D25;HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TANA;Mn;230;NSM;;;;N;;;;;
10D26;HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TASSI;Mn;230;NSM;;;;N;;;;;
10D30;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ZERO;Nd;0;AN;;0;0;0;N;;;;;
10D31;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ONE;Nd;0;AN;;1;1;1;N;;;;;
10D32;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT TWO;Nd;0;AN;;2;2;2;N;;;;;
10D33;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT THREE;Nd;0;AN;;3;3;3;N;;;;;
10D34;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FOUR;Nd;0;AN;;4;4;4;N;;;;;
10D35;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FIVE;Nd;0;AN;;5;5;5;N;;;;;
10D36;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SIX;Nd;0;AN;;6;6;6;N;;;;;
10D37;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SEVEN;Nd;0;AN;;7;7;7;N;;;;;
10D38;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT EIGHT;Nd;0;AN;;8;8;8;N;;;;;
10D39;HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT NINE;Nd;0;AN;;9;9;9;N;;;;;

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### 6.2 Linebreaking

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10D00..10D1B;AL # Lo [28] HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A..HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NYA
10D1C..10D20;BA # Lo [21] HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A..HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O
10D21;BA # Lo HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SAKIN

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10D22;BA      # Lo      HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA
10D23..10D25;CM # Mn    [3] HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN HARBAHAY..HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TANA
10D26;CM      # Mn      HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TASSI
10D30..10D31;NU # Nd    [10] HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ZERO..HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT NINE

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### 6.3 Arabic Shaping Data

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10D00; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A; L; HANIFI ROHINGYA A
10D01; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER BA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA BA
10D02; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER PA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA PA
10D03; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA TA
10D04; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TTA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA TTA
10D05; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER JA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA JA
10D06; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER CA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA CA
10D07; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER HA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA HA
10D08; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KHA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA KHA
10D09; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER FA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA PA
10D0A; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA DA
10D0B; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DDA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA DDA
10D0C; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA RA
10D0D; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RRA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA RRA
10D0E; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER ZA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA ZA
10D0F; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA SA
10D10; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SHA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA SHA
10D11; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA KA
10D12; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER GA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA GA
10D13; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER LA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA LA
10D14; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER MA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA MA
10D15; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA NA
10D16; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER WA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA WA
10D17; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KINNA WA; HANIFI ROHINGYA KINNA WA
10D18; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER YA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA YA
10D19; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KINNA YA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA KINNA YA
10D1A; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NGA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA NGA
10D1B; HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NYA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA NYA
10D1C; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A
10D1D; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK I; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA NA KHANNA
10D1E; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK U; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK U
10D1F; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK E; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK E
10D20; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O
10D21; HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SAKIN; R; HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SAKIN
10D22; HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA; D; HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA

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### 6.4 Script Extensions

The following characters should be extended for usage in Rohingya:

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0640 ; # Lm  ARABIC TATWEEL
060C ; # Po  ARABIC COMMA
061B ; # Po  ARABIC SEMICOLON
061F ; # Po  ARABIC QUESTION MARK
06D4 ; # Po  ARABIC FULL STOP

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### 6.5 ‘Confusable’ Characters

Some Rohingya letters resemble those found of Arabic. Attention to these ‘confusables’ is particularly important because Arabic is commonly used in Rohingya documents.

|       |        |          |                  |   |      |        |                           |
|-------|--------|----------|------------------|---|------|--------|---------------------------|
| 10D03 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER PA        | ; | 0648 | ARABIC | LETTER WAW                |
| 10D07 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER HA        | ; | 06BE | ARABIC | LETTER HEH DOACHASHMEE    |
| 10D08 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER KHA       | ; | 06A9 | ARABIC | LETTER KEHEH              |
| 10D09 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER FA        | ; | 06CF | ARABIC | LETTER WAW WITH DOT ABOVE |
| 10D0B | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER DDA       | ; | 0637 | ARABIC | LETTER TAH                |
| 10D0C | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER RRA       | ; | 0637 | ARABIC | LETTER TAH                |
| 10D11 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER KA        | ; | 0637 | ARABIC | LETTER TAH                |
| 10D12 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER GA        | ; | FECB | ARABIC | LETTER AIN INITIAL FORM   |
| 10D13 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER LA        | ; | 0644 | ARABIC | LETTER LAM                |
| 10D14 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER MA        | ; | FEE3 | ARABIC | LETTER MEEM INITIAL FORM  |
| 10D19 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER KINNA YA  | ; | FE91 | ARABIC | LETTER BEH INITIAL FORM   |
| 10D1D | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER NA KHANNA | ; | 0632 | ARABIC | LETTER ZAIN               |
| 10D1D | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | LETTER NA KHANNA | ; | FEE7 | ARABIC | LETTER NOON INITIAL FORM  |
| 10D1E | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | VOWEL MARK A     | ; | FEBB | ARABIC | LETTER SAD INITIAL FORM   |
| 10D24 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | SIGN TAHALA      | ; | 0654 | ARABIC | HAMZA ABOVE               |
| 10D25 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | SIGN TANA        | ; | 0653 | ARABIC | MADDAH ABOVE              |
| 10D26 | HANIFI | ROHINGYA | SIGN TASSI       | ; | 0651 | ARABIC | SHADDA                    |

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|   | 10D0       | 10D1       | 10D2       | 10D3       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 0 | ၂<br>10D00 | ၁<br>10D10 | ၃<br>10D20 | ၀<br>10D30 |
| 1 | ၂<br>10D01 | ၃<br>10D11 | ၂<br>10D21 | ၁<br>10D31 |
| 2 | ၁<br>10D02 | ၂<br>10D12 | ၁<br>10D22 | ၂<br>10D32 |
| 3 | ၂<br>10D03 | ၂<br>10D13 | ၂<br>10D23 | ၁<br>10D33 |
| 4 | ၂<br>10D04 | ၂<br>10D14 | ၂<br>10D24 | ၁<br>10D34 |
| 5 | ၁<br>10D05 | ၁<br>10D15 | ၂<br>10D25 | ၂<br>10D35 |
| 6 | ၁<br>10D06 | ၁<br>10D16 | ၂<br>10D26 | ၁<br>10D36 |
| 7 | ၁<br>10D07 | ၁<br>10D17 |            | ၁<br>10D37 |
| 8 | ၁<br>10D08 | ၁<br>10D18 |            | ၁<br>10D38 |
| 9 | ၁<br>10D09 | ၁<br>10D19 |            | ၁<br>10D39 |
| A | ၁<br>10D0A | ၁<br>10D1A |            |            |
| B | ၁<br>10D0B | ၁<br>10D1B |            |            |
| C | ၁<br>10D0C | ၁<br>10D1C |            |            |
| D | ၁<br>10D0D | ၁<br>10D1D |            |            |
| E | ၁<br>10D0E | ၁<br>10D1E |            |            |
| F | ၁<br>10D0F | ၁<br>10D1F |            |            |

**Letters**

|       |   |                                       |
|-------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 10D00 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A              |
| 10D01 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER BA             |
| 10D02 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER PA             |
| 10D03 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TA             |
| 10D04 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TTA            |
| 10D05 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER JA             |
| 10D06 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER CA             |
| 10D07 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER HA             |
| 10D08 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KHA            |
| 10D09 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER FA             |
| 10D0A | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DA             |
| 10D0B | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DDA            |
| 10D0C | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RA             |
| 10D0D | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RRA            |
| 10D0E | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER ZA             |
| 10D0F | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SA             |
| 10D10 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SHA            |
| 10D11 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KA             |
| 10D12 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER GA             |
| 10D13 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER LA             |
| 10D14 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER MA             |
| 10D15 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA             |
| 10D16 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER WA             |
| 10D17 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KINNA WA       |
| 10D18 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER YA             |
| 10D19 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KINNA YA       |
| 10D1A | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NGA<br>= gan   |
| 10D1B | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NYA<br>= nayya |

**Vowel marks**

|       |   |                                          |
|-------|---|------------------------------------------|
| 10D1C | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A<br>= aa-for |
| 10D1D | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK I<br>= i-for  |
| 10D1E | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK U<br>= u-for  |
| 10D1F | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK E<br>= e-for  |
| 10D20 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O<br>= o-for  |

**Vowel silencer**

|       |   |                            |
|-------|---|----------------------------|
| 10D21 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SAKIN |
|-------|---|----------------------------|

**Nasalization mark**

|       |   |                                |
|-------|---|--------------------------------|
| 10D22 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA |
|-------|---|--------------------------------|

**Tonal signs**

|       |   |                                                    |
|-------|---|----------------------------------------------------|
| 10D23 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN HARBAHAY<br>• short high tone |
| 10D24 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TAHALA<br>• long falling tone |
| 10D25 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TANA<br>• long rising tone    |

**Gemination sign**

|       |   |                            |
|-------|---|----------------------------|
| 10D26 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TASSI |
|-------|---|----------------------------|

**Digits**

|       |   |                             |
|-------|---|-----------------------------|
| 10D30 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ZERO  |
| 10D31 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT ONE   |
| 10D32 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT TWO   |
| 10D33 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT THREE |

|       |   |                             |
|-------|---|-----------------------------|
| 10D34 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FOUR  |
| 10D35 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT FIVE  |
| 10D36 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SIX   |
| 10D37 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT SEVEN |
| 10D38 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT EIGHT |
| 10D39 | Ⴄ | HANIFI ROHINGYA DIGIT NINE  |



|    | Proposed character name         | Fig. 5  | Fig. 6   | Fig. 7  |
|----|---------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| ﺍ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER A        | Aa      | AA       | AA      |
| ﺏ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER BA       | Ba      | BA       | BA      |
| ﭗ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER PA       | Pa      | PA       | PA      |
| ﺕ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TA       | Ta      | TA       | THA     |
| ﺕﺕ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER TTA      | Tda     | TA       | TA      |
| ﺝ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER JA       | Ja      | JA       | JA      |
| ﺡ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER CA       | Cha     | CHA      | CHA     |
| ﻩ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER HA       | Ha      | HA       | HA      |
| ﻙ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KHA      | Kha     | KHA      | KHA     |
| ﻑ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER FA       | Pha     | FA       | FA      |
| ﺩ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DA       | Da      | THA      | DHA     |
| ﺩﺩ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER DDA      | Dha     | DA       | DA      |
| ﺭ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RA       | Ra      | RA       | RA      |
| ﺭﺭ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER RRA      | Rda     | ĠA       | RDA     |
| ﺯ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER ZA       | Za      | ZA       | ZA      |
| ﺱ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SA       | Sa      | SA       | SA      |
| ﺵ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SHA      | Sha     | SHA      | SHA     |
| ﻙﺍ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER KA       | Ka      | KA       | KA      |
| ﻎ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER GA       | Ga      | GA       | GHA     |
| ﻝ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER LA       | La      | LA       | LA      |
| ﻡ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER MA       | Ma      | MA       | MA      |
| ﻥ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NA       | Na      | NA       | NA      |
| ﻭ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER WA       | Wa      | WA       | WA      |
| ﻭﺍ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SMALL WA | Kinnawa | KINNA WA | KINNAWA |
| ﻱ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER YA       | Ya      | YA       | YA      |
| ﻱ  | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER SMALL YA | Kinnaya | KINNA YA | KINNAYA |
| ﻥﻎ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NGA      | Nga     | GAN      | GHAN    |
| ﻥﻱ | HANIFI ROHINGYA LETTER NYA      | Naiya   | NAYYA    | NAYA    |

Table 1: Romanized names for Rohingya letters as given in various sources.

|   | Proposed character name        | Fig. 5   | Fig. 6  | Fig. 7   |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK A   | Aafor    | AFOR    | AFOR     |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK I   | Efor     | [I]FOR  | EIFOR    |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK U   | Ufor     | UFOR    | UOFOR    |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK E   | Aefor    | EFOR    | EAFOR    |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA VOWEL MARK O   | Ofor     | OFOR    | WOFOR    |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK SAKIN     | —        | —       | —        |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA MARK NA KHANNA | Nakhonna | NAKONNA | NAKHANNA |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN HARBAHAY  | Haarbai  | HARBAY  | HAR BAY  |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TAHALA    | Tela     | TELA    | TAHA LA  |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TANA      | Tana     | TANA    | TA NA    |
| ◌ | HANIFI ROHINGYA SIGN TASSI     | Tossi    | TASSI   | TASSI    |

Table 2: Romanized names for Rohingya marks as given in various sources.

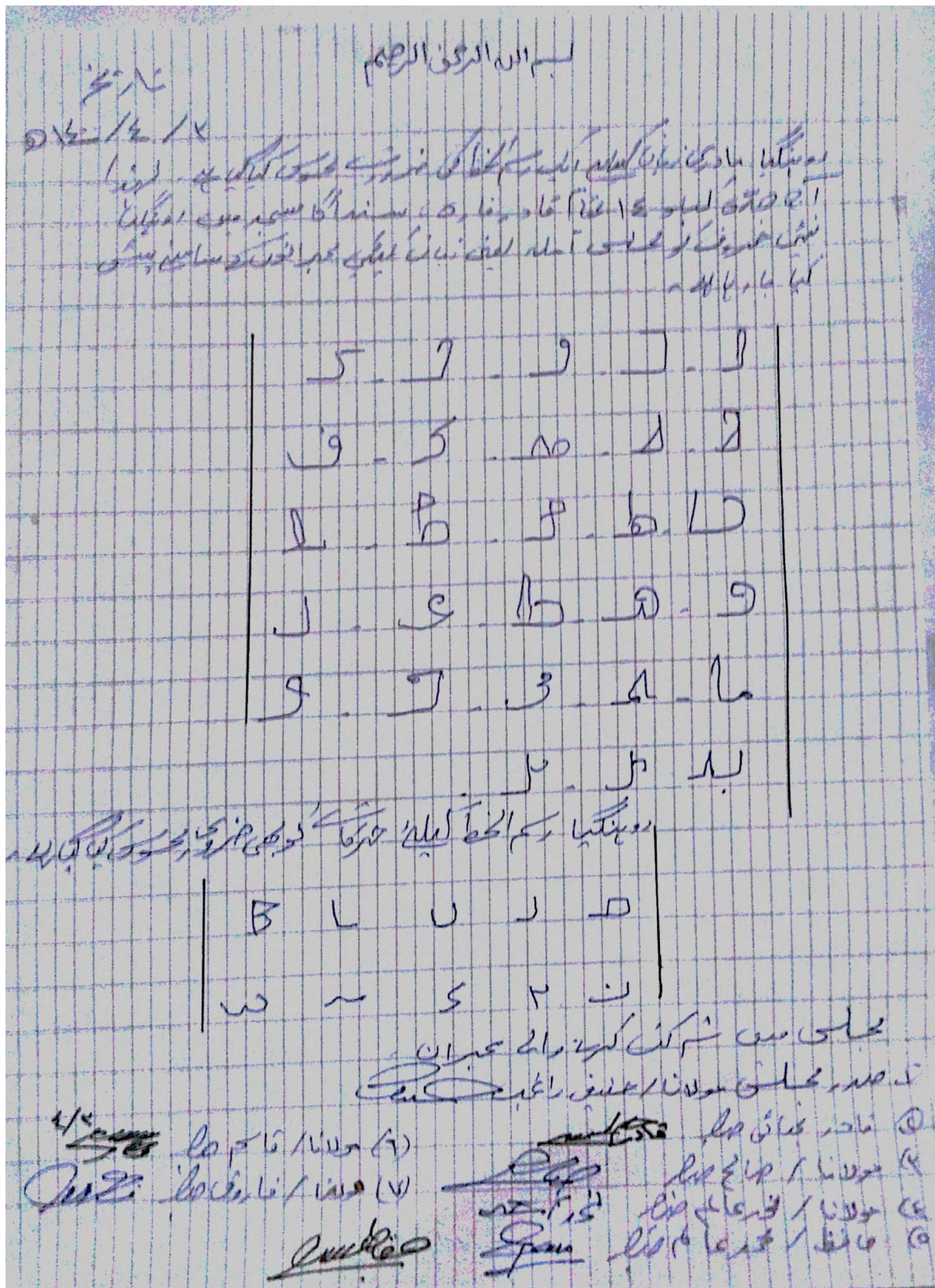


Figure 1: A document showing the Rohingya script as finalized by Maulana Mohammad Hanif and others on February 19, 1980, with signatures of the script committee.



Figure 2: Description of some characters attached to the chart shown in figure 1. A translation is given in figure 3.

Causes and dates of changing of these letters below .

( 1 ) ح the letter was changed to ج so that will be easy in writing

And be excellent. On 21-6-1984 : examples

|         |                 |            |         |           |
|---------|-----------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| دڤڤڤڤڤ  | دڤڤڤڤڤ          | دڤڤڤڤڤ     | دڤڤڤڤڤ  | دڤڤڤڤڤ    |
| ( Sea ) | ( Grandfather ) | ( Wealth ) | ( Day ) | ( Heart ) |

(2) ط the letter was changed to ط and then finally chosen to ط in order to

Avoid from confusion with other letter. On 3-3-1985 :

example

|            |           |                |           |          |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| طڤڤڤڤڤ     | طڤڤڤڤڤ    | طڤڤڤڤڤ         | طڤڤڤڤڤ    | طڤڤڤڤڤ   |
| ( Packet ) | ( Piece ) | ( Pomegranat ) | ( Stick ) | ( Side ) |

(3) م the letter was changed to م and then finally chosen to م in order to

Will be easy in writing on 1-1-1986 :

Example

|          |          |         |          |          |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| مڤڤڤڤڤ   | مڤڤڤڤڤ   | مڤڤڤڤڤ  | مڤڤڤڤڤ   | مڤڤڤڤڤ   |
| ( Head ) | ( Fish ) | ( Fly ) | ( Open ) | ( Dead ) |

(4) ه the letter was changed to ه and then finally to the first shape ه so

That will be easy in writing on 15-4-1988 :

Example

|           |          |                |                 |          |
|-----------|----------|----------------|-----------------|----------|
| هڤڤڤڤڤ    | هڤڤڤڤڤ   | هڤڤڤڤڤ         | هڤڤڤڤڤ          | هڤڤڤڤڤ   |
| ( Human ) | ( Name ) | ( Grandchild ) | ( Grandfather ) | ( Nose ) |

(5) ل the letter was changed to ل and then finally to the first shape ل to avoid

From Difficulty in writing on 16-1-1989 :

Example

|          |          |         |          |              |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|--------------|
| لڤڤڤڤڤ   | لڤڤڤڤڤ   | لڤڤڤڤڤ  | لڤڤڤڤڤ   | لڤڤڤڤڤ       |
| ( Hide ) | ( Ring ) | ( One ) | ( Door ) | ( Children ) |

Figure 3: Translation of the text shown in figure 2.



Figure 4: Chart of Rohingya script from a hand-written primer (from Ruwaingya Zuban Komiti (A): 1).

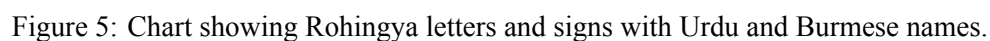


Figure 6: Chart showing Rohingya letters with Arabic correspondences and names in Latin transliteration.



{ 17. 10 } 1945-46 1945-46 1945-46

{ Total }

، فِرْقَانِي، فِرْقَانِي، فِرْقَانِي، فِرْقَانِي، فِرْقَانِي  
، فِرْقَانِي، فِرْقَانِي، فِرْقَانِي، فِرْقَانِي، فِرْقَانِي

WOFOR. **B** EAFOR. **L** UOFOR. **U** EIFOR. **J** AFOR. **M**  
TASSI. **w** TANA. **~** TAHA LA. **9** HAR BAY. **p** NAKHIANNA. **z**

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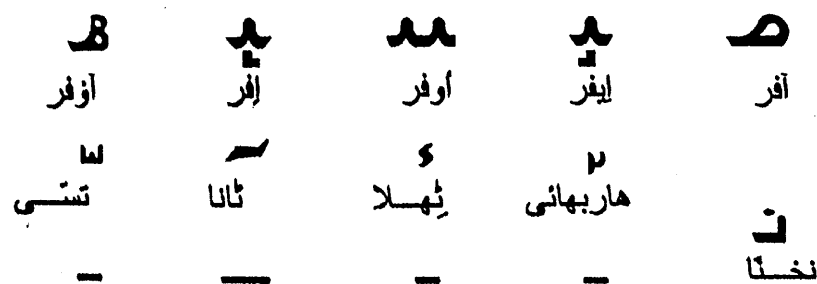


Figure 8: Page from a Rohingya primer showing Rohingya letters with names in Arabic transliteration.

فُوقِ لَمَلَمَل ( ۲ )

حرکت کو ملا کر لکھیں

لمَلَمَلَمَل مَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل فُوقِ ا

|               |               |               |                |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| لم            | لم            | فم            | لم             | لم            |
| آ + آفر = آ   | با + آفر = با | پا + آفر = پا | تا + آفر = تا  | ٹا + آفر = ٹا |
| لم            | لم            | سم            | کم             | کم            |
| جا + آفر = جا | چا + آفر = چا | حا + آفر = حا | خا + آفر = خا  | فا + آفر = فا |
| حم            | طم            | ثم            | طم             | سلم           |
| دا + آفر = دا | ڈا + آفر = ڈا | را + آفر = را | ڑا + آفر = ڑا  | زا + آفر = زا |
| فم            | فم            | طم            | عم             | لم            |
| سا + آفر = سا | شا + آفر = شا | کا + آفر = کا | گا + آفر = گا  | لا + آفر = لا |
| مم            | امم           | نم            | لم             | ثم            |
| ما + آفر = ما | نا + آفر = نا | وا + آفر = وا | کتاوا آفر = وا | غان آفر = غان |

لکھنے اور پڑھنے کا مثال !

{ م } لمَلَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل مَمَلَمَل !

۱۔ : ل+م+ج+م-لملم ۲۔ : ج+م+ل+م-لملم ۳۔ : م+م-مم

۴۔ : د+م+م+م-ملم ۵۔ : د+م+ف+م-فلم ۶۔ : ل+م+م+م-لممم

{ پ } لِپِپِپِپِ لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل مَمَلَمَل !

|                |                |                |                 |                |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| لپ             | لپ             | فپ             | لپ              | کپ             |
| آ + ایفر = آ   | با + ایفر = با | پا + ایفر = پا | تا + ایفر = تا  | ٹا + ایفر = ٹا |
| لپ             | لپ             | فپ             | لپ              | کپ             |
| جا + ایفر = جا | چا + ایفر = چا | حا + ایفر = حا | خا + ایفر = خا  | فا + ایفر = فا |
| لپ             | لپ             | فپ             | لپ              | کپ             |
| دا + ایفر = دا | ڈا + ایفر = ڈا | را + ایفر = را | ڑا + ایفر = ڑا  | زا + ایفر = زا |
| لپ             | لپ             | فپ             | لپ              | کپ             |
| سا + ایفر = سا | شا + ایفر = شا | کا + ایفر = کا | گا + ایفر = گا  | لا + ایفر = لا |
| لپ             | لپ             | فپ             | لپ              | کپ             |
| ما + ایفر = ما | نا + ایفر = نا | وا + ایفر = وا | کتاوا ایفر = وا | غان ایفر = غان |

۱۔ : ل+پ+ج+م+م-لپلملم ۲۔ : ج+پ+م+م-لپلم ۳۔ : م+پ+م-لپم

۴۔ : د+پ+م+م-لپمم ۵۔ : د+پ+ف+م-فپلم ۶۔ : ل+پ+م+م-لپمم

Figure 9: Page from a Rohingya primer showing the method of writing ۲ VOWEL MARK A and ۳ VOWEL MARK I.

فُوقم لَمَلَمَل ( ڄ )

{ ڄ } لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل !

لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل  
آ + اوفر = او با + اوفر = بو پا + اوفر = پو تا + اوفر = تو ڄا + اوفر = ڄو

ا - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل ڄ - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل  
ا - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل ڄ - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل

{ ڀ } لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل !

لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل  
آ + افر = اڀي با + افر = ڀي پا + افر = ڀي ڄا + افر = ڀي ڄي + افر = ڀي

ا - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل ڀ - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل  
ا - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل ڀ - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل

{ ڙ } لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل !

لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل  
آ + اوفر = او با + اوفر = بو پا + اوفر = پو تا + اوفر = تو ڄا + اوفر = ڄو

ا - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل ڙ - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل  
ا - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل ڙ - : لَمَلَمَل - لَمَلَمَل

ڄمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل لَمَلَمَل !

ڄمَلَمَل ڄمَلَمَل ڄمَلَمَل ڄمَلَمَل ڄمَلَمَل  
ڄمَلَمَل ڄمَلَمَل ڄمَلَمَل ڄمَلَمَل ڄمَلَمَل

Figure 10: Page from a Rohingya primer showing the method of writing ڄ VOWEL MARK U, ڀ VOWEL MARK E, ڙ VOWEL MARK O.

| فوق لفظی ( ۵ )                               |                            |                            |                            |                             |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| { د } همکھم لہو قہنہ لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو |                            |                            |                            |                             |
| لامذ                                         | لہذ                        | فہذ                        | لہذ                        | کھذ                         |
| ا+ افرنختا- اُن                              | با+ افرنختا- بیس           | با+ افرنختا- پوں           | تا+ افرنختا- تیس           | تا+ افرنختا- تاؤں           |
| ۱- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم                   | ۲- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم | ۳- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم | ۴- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم | ۵- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم  |
| ۶- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم                   | ۷- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم | ۸- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم | ۹- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم | ۱۰- : لا+م+ذ+پ+ل+م- لامذہلم |
| { ۶ } همکھم لہو قہنہ لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو |                            |                            |                            |                             |
| لام                                          | لہ                         | فہ                         | لہ                         | کھ                          |
| ا+ افرہزای- اُھا                             | با+ افرہزای- بیھی          | با+ افرہزای- پھو           | تا+ افرہزای- تھہ           | تا+ افرہزای- تاوہ           |
| ۱۱- : لامذہلم                                | ۱۲- : لامذہلم              | ۱۳- : لامذہلم              | ۱۴- : لامذہلم              | ۱۵- : لامذہلم               |
| ۱۶- : لامذہلم                                | ۱۷- : لامذہلم              | ۱۸- : لامذہلم              | ۱۹- : لامذہلم              | ۲۰- : لامذہلم               |
| { ۷ } کھلم لہو قہنہ لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو  |                            |                            |                            |                             |
| لام                                          | لہ                         | فہ                         | لہ                         | کھ                          |
| ا+ افرٹھلا- اُخ                              | با+ افرٹھلا- بیجی          | با+ افرٹھلا- پوہ           | تا+ افرٹھلا- تھج           | تا+ افرٹھلا- تاو            |
| ۲۱- : لامذہلم                                | ۲۲- : لامذہلم              | ۲۳- : لامذہلم              | ۲۴- : لامذہلم              | ۲۵- : لامذہلم               |
| ۲۶- : لامذہلم                                | ۲۷- : لامذہلم              | ۲۸- : لامذہلم              | ۲۹- : لامذہلم              | ۳۰- : لامذہلم               |
| { ۸ } کھلم لہو قہنہ لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو  |                            |                            |                            |                             |
| لام                                          | لہ                         | فہ                         | لہ                         | کھ                          |
| ۳۱- : لامذہلم                                | ۳۲- : لامذہلم              | ۳۳- : لامذہلم              | ۳۴- : لامذہلم              | ۳۵- : لامذہلم               |
| ۳۶- : لامذہلم                                | ۳۷- : لامذہلم              | ۳۸- : لامذہلم              | ۳۹- : لامذہلم              | ۴۰- : لامذہلم               |
| { ۹ } کھلم لہو قہنہ لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو لہو  |                            |                            |                            |                             |
| لام                                          | لہ                         | فہ                         | لہ                         | کھ                          |
| ۴۱- : لامذہلم                                | ۴۲- : لامذہلم              | ۴۳- : لامذہلم              | ۴۴- : لامذہلم              | ۴۵- : لامذہلم               |
| ۴۶- : لامذہلم                                | ۴۷- : لامذہلم              | ۴۸- : لامذہلم              | ۴۹- : لامذہلم              | ۵۰- : لامذہلم               |

Figure 11: Page from a Rohingya primer showing the method of writing the ۵ MARK NA KHANNA, ۶ SIGN HARBAHAY, ۷ SIGN TAHALA, ۸ SIGN TANA, ۹ SIGN TASSI.

{ ۱۲ } طبقه دوم از این طبقه ها عبارت است:

[illegible]

{ ۱ } طہارۃ النیۃ فی طہارت النیۃ

لِلْمَعْمَدِ وَمُفَعِّلِي { ٢ } فَتِلْمُ هِلْمُ مَعْلِفُ تِلْمُ الْمَعْلِفِ الْفِ الْمَعْمَدِ  
طَبَقَتْ تِلْمُ لِيَطْمُ الْمَعْلِفُ -  
مَعْمَدُ ! فَعِلُ : فَعِلُ : عَمِلُ : فَعِلْمُ : لِيَنْعِمَ : نَسْمَعُ مَعْنَى

(ج) منہ سے نکلتی ہوئی لہریں مہملا!

إلى المصنف المذكور لما تمحى، ج،، لما تمحى المصنف المصنف  
المذكور ليعلم له، إلى المصنف ليعلم له، ج،،  
ليعلم له -

اَلَمْ : قَدْ : فِى : كَيْفَ : لَسْتَ : هُمَا :

1. In, by Peter's opinion

0 2 6 2 2 4 6 8 ? 1

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*Handwritten:* ... ..

Figure 12: Page from a Rohingya primer describing the use of  $\mathfrak{J}_{\text{KINNA WA}}$  and  $\mathfrak{J}_{\text{KINNA YA}}$ .

0 2 6 2 6 5 6 7 ?

{shale}

Будь же добрым

Figure 13: Page from a Rohingya primer showing the use of *tatweel*.

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|                                         |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|----|
| <u>لہجہ اولیٰ لہجہ دوم لہجہ سوم</u>     |    |    |
| <u>کلمہ « ۱ » کلمہ « ۲ » کلمہ « ۳ »</u> |    |    |
| فَ                                      | فُ | فِ |
| فَ                                      | فُ | فِ |
| فَ                                      | فُ | فِ |
| فَ                                      | فُ | فِ |
| فَ                                      | فُ | فِ |
| فَ                                      | فُ | فِ |
| فَ                                      | فُ | فِ |
| فَ                                      | فُ | فِ |

Figure 14: Table showing use of tonal signs from a hand-written primer (from Ruwainggya Zuban Komiti (A): 11).



Figure 15: Example of running Rohingya text from a hand-written primer (from Ruwainggya Zuban Komiti (B): 1).

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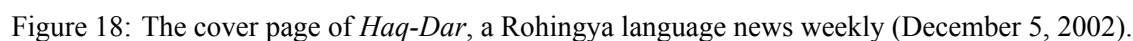
|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| ၁  | ၂  | ၃  | ၄  | ၅  | ၆  | ၇  | ၈  | ၉  | ၁၀  |
| ၁၁ | ၁၂ | ၁၃ | ၁၄ | ၁၅ | ၁၆ | ၁၇ | ၁၈ | ၁၉ | ၂၀  |
| ၂၁ | ၂၂ | ၂၃ | ၂၄ | ၂၅ | ၂၆ | ၂၇ | ၂၈ | ၂၉ | ၃၀  |
| ၃၁ | ၃၂ | ၃၃ | ၃၄ | ၃၅ | ၃၆ | ၃၇ | ၃၈ | ၃၉ | ၄၀  |
| ၄၁ | ၄၂ | ၄၃ | ၄၄ | ၄၅ | ၄၆ | ၄၇ | ၄၈ | ၄၉ | ၅၀  |
| ၅၁ | ၅၂ | ၅၃ | ၅၄ | ၅၅ | ၅၆ | ၅၇ | ၅၈ | ၅၉ | ၆၀  |
| ၆၁ | ၆၂ | ၆၃ | ၆၄ | ၆၅ | ၆၆ | ၆၇ | ၆၈ | ၆၉ | ၇၀  |
| ၇၁ | ၇၂ | ၇၃ | ၇၄ | ၇၅ | ၇၆ | ၇၇ | ၇၈ | ၇၉ | ၈၀  |
| ၈၁ | ၈၂ | ၈၃ | ၈၄ | ၈၅ | ၈၆ | ၈၇ | ၈၈ | ၈၉ | ၉၀  |
| ၉၁ | ၉၂ | ၉၃ | ၉၄ | ၉၅ | ၉၆ | ၉၇ | ၉၈ | ၉၉ | ၁၀၀ |

၁၊ ၂၊ ၃၊ ၄၊ ၅၊ ၆၊ ၇၊ ၈၊ ၉၊ ၁၀၊ ၁၁၊ ၁၂၊ ၁၃၊ ၁၄၊ ၁၅၊ ၁၆၊ ၁၇၊ ၁၈၊ ၁၉၊ ၂၀၊ ၂၁၊ ၂၂၊ ၂၃၊ ၂၄၊ ၂၅၊ ၂၆၊ ၂၇၊ ၂၈၊ ၂၉၊ ၃၀၊ ၃၁၊ ၃၂၊ ၃၃၊ ၃၄၊ ၃၅၊ ၃၆၊ ၃၇၊ ၃၈၊ ၃၉၊ ၄၀၊ ၄၁၊ ၄၂၊ ၄၃၊ ၄၄၊ ၄၅၊ ၄၆၊ ၄၇၊ ၄၈၊ ၄၉၊ ၅၀၊ ၅၁၊ ၅၂၊ ၅၃၊ ၅၄၊ ၅၅၊ ၅၆၊ ၅၇၊ ၅၈၊ ၅၉၊ ၆၀၊ ၆၁၊ ၆၂၊ ၆၃၊ ၆၄၊ ၆၅၊ ၆၆၊ ၆၇၊ ၆၈၊ ၆၉၊ ၇၀၊ ၇၁၊ ၇၂၊ ၇၃၊ ၇၄၊ ၇၅၊ ၇၆၊ ၇၇၊ ၇၈၊ ၇၉၊ ၈၀၊ ၈၁၊ ၈၂၊ ၈၃၊ ၈၄၊ ၈၅၊ ၈၆၊ ၈၇၊ ၈၈၊ ၈၉၊ ၉၀၊ ၉၁၊ ၉၂၊ ၉၃၊ ၉၄၊ ၉၅၊ ၉၆၊ ၉၇၊ ၉၈၊ ၉၉၊ ၁၀၀

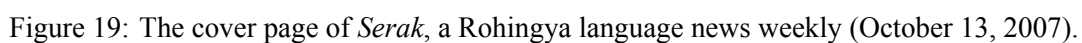
Figure 16: Chart of digits from a hand-written primer (from Ruwainggya Zuban Komiti (B): 34).

| 12. 12. 12     |          | 91       |          | 12. 12. 12 |          |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| « 12. 12. 12 » |          |          |          |            |          |
| 1 1 (1)        | 1 1 (2)  | 1 1 (3)  | 1 1 (4)  | 1 1 (5)    | 1 1 (6)  |
| 1 1            | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1        | 1 1      |
| 1 1            | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1        | 1 1      |
| 1 1 (7)        | 1 1 (8)  | 1 1 (9)  | 1 1 (10) | 1 1 (11)   | 1 1 (12) |
| 1 1            | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1        | 1 1      |
| 1 1            | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1        | 1 1      |
| 1 1 (13)       | 1 1 (14) | 1 1 (15) | 1 1 (16) | 1 1 (17)   | 1 1 (18) |
| 1 1            | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1        | 1 1      |
| 1 1            | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1        | 1 1      |
| 1 1 (19)       | 1 1 (20) | 1 1 (21) | 1 1 (22) | 1 1 (23)   | 1 1 (24) |
| 1 1            | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1        | 1 1      |
| 1 1            | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1      | 1 1        | 1 1      |

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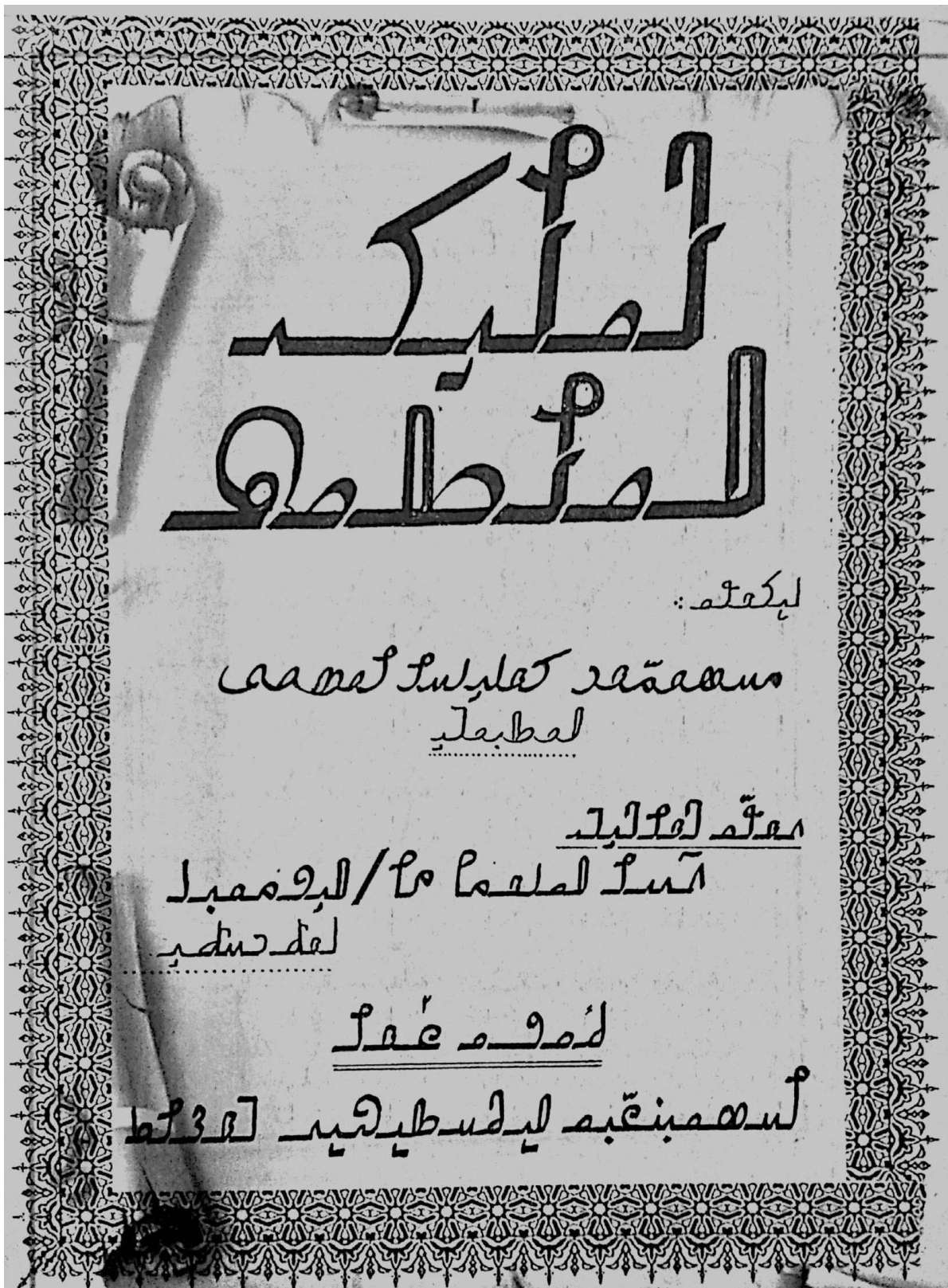


Figure 20: Hand-written cover page of *History of Arakan*. The vertical breaks in the letters 𐄢 TA and 𐄢 RA in the title word 𐄢𐄢𐄢𐄢𐄢𐄢 tarikh arakan are stylistic, as are the broken baseline conjuncts through the title.

Figure 21: Hand-written first page of *History of Arakan*.



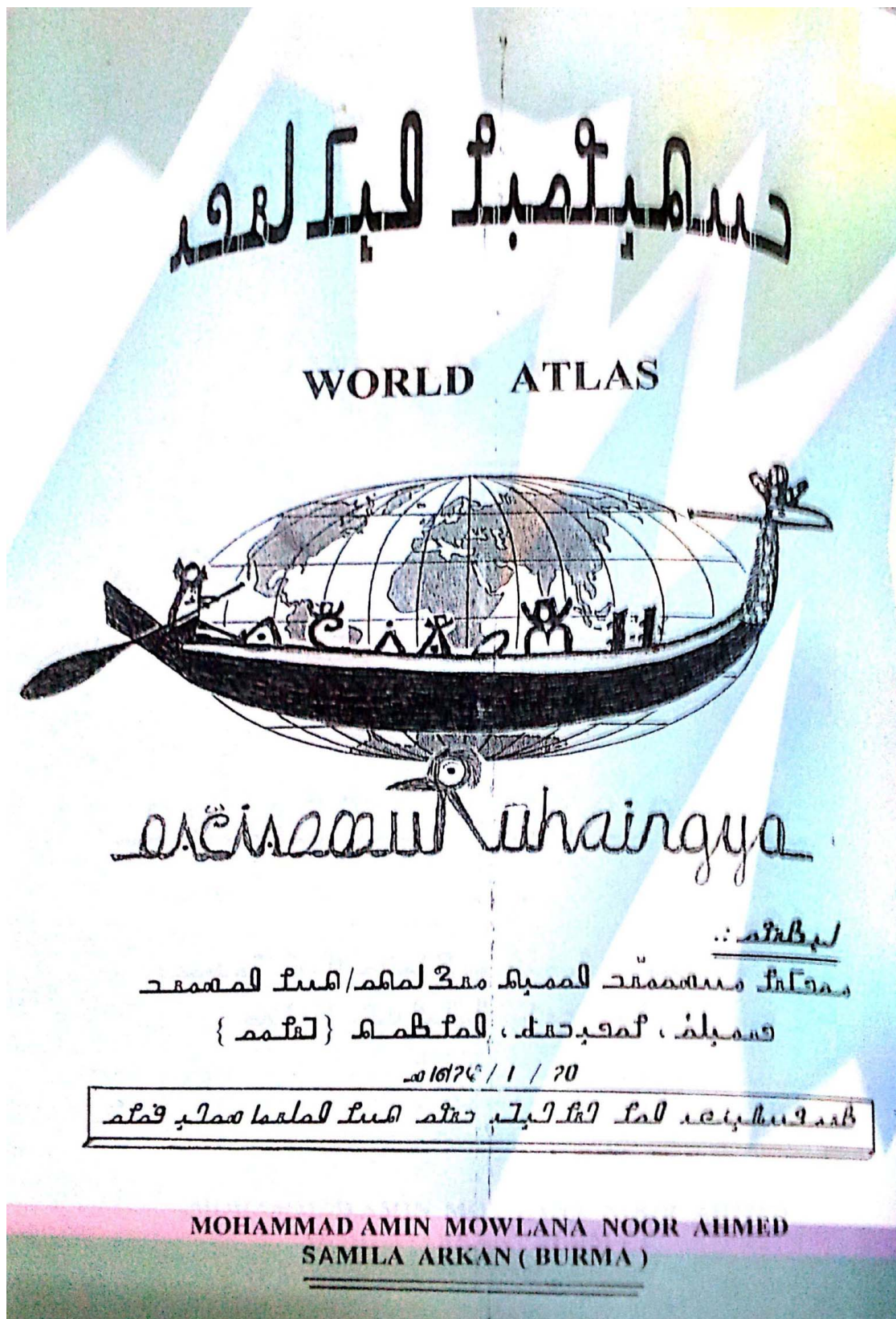


Figure 22: Cover of *World Atlas*.



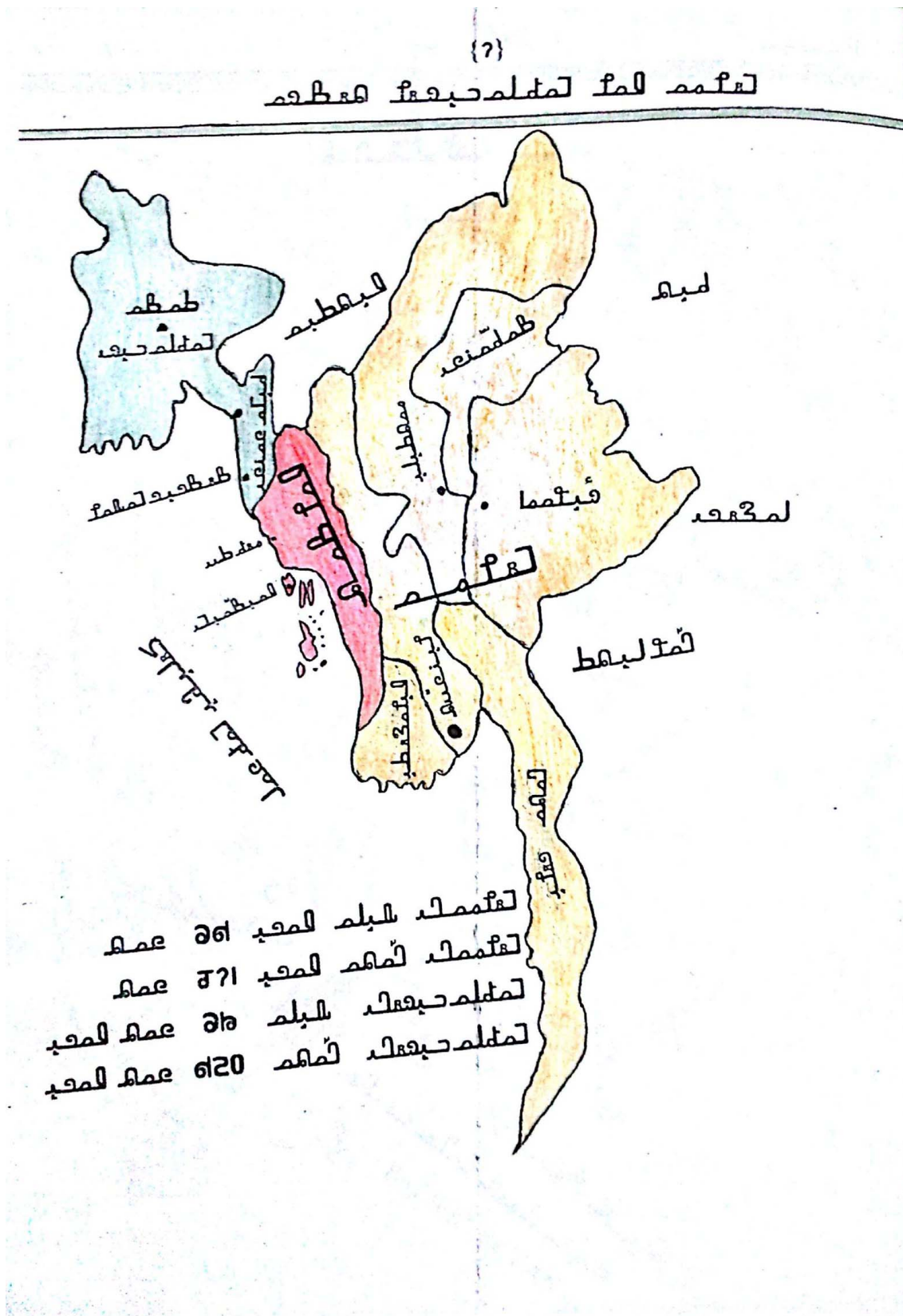


Figure 23: Page from *World Atlas* showing Myanmar (with the Arakan region highlighted) and Bangladesh.